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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRLIFT OF LIVESTOCK TO GDR

REF: STATE 173846 (NOTAL)

1. AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL (AI) HAS APPEALED THE EARLIER CAB STAFF DECISION (REFTEL) WHICH REJECTED AI'S APPLICATION FOR WAIVER TO PERMIT LIVESTOCK AIRLIFT TO GDR TO FULL CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD. AI ARGUES THAT ITS DC-8, SAID TO BE CONFIGURED DIFFERENTLY FROM SEABOARD'S DC-8, OFFERS LOWER RATES AND GREATER CHANCE THAT LIVESTOCK WILL SURVIVE FLIGHT.

2. IN PLANNING FOR FLIGHT, AI OFFICE IN MIAMI TELEXED GDR
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PROPOSAL THAT FLIGHT TERMINATE LEIPZIG, AND RECEIVED RESPONSE

TODAY AUTHORIZING AI LAND EITHER PRAGUE RPT PRAGUE OR
SCHOENEFELD BUT DENYING RIGHT LAND EITHER LEIPZIG OR
DRESDEN. AI, WHOSE REP WILL CONSULT US PRIOR TO RESPONDING
TO GDR AUTHORITIES, HAS ALREADY OBTAINED REQUISITE US EXPORT
CONTROL AND COMMERCE DEPT PERMITS.

3. UNLESS ADDRESSEES SEE OBJECTIONS DEPT WILL AUTHORIZE USE
OF PRAGUE AS DELIVERY POINT IN ORDER PROVIDE SIMPLEST SOLU-
TION TO PROBLEM OF LANDING SITE, PROVIDED, OF COURSE, FULL
CAB UPHOLDS AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL'S APPEARL (PARA 1 ABOVE).

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